



National Transportation Safety Board

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Safety Recommendation

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In reply refer to: R-15-24

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The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is an independent federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident in the United States and significant accidents in other modes of transportation—railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline. We determine the probable cause of the accidents and issue safety recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents. In addition, we carry out special studies concerning transportation safety and coordinate the resources of the federal government and other organizations to provide assistance to victims and their family members affected by major transportation disasters. We are providing the following information to urge the Chicago Transit Authority to take action on the safety recommendation that is being issued in this letter.

On April 28, 2015, we adopted our report concerning the March 24, 2014, accident in which Chicago Transit Authority train No. 141 collided with the bumping post near the end of the center pocket track at O'Hare Station.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number RAR-15-01.

As a result of this investigation, we issued seven new recommendations, including six to the Federal Transit Administration and the following recommendation to the Chicago Transit Authority:

¹ National Transportation Safety Board. *Chicago Transit Authority Train Collides with Bumping Post and Escalator at O'Hare Station, Chicago, Illinois, March 24, 2014*, RAR-15-01. Washington, DC: National Transportation Safety Board, 2015).

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Install a transmission-based train control system on all passenger train routes.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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